POLYGONUM MUHLENBERGII (Meisn.) Watson, forma NATANS Wiegand, RHODORA xxvi. 3 (1924).—In the original publication of this form a rather serious error must be noted. The type specimen cited was Moscow, Washington [Idaho], *W. C. Muenscher*, no. 129. It appears that the western *P. amphibium* often resembles the above forma *natans* in foliage, and the Moscow specimen should be referred to that species. The two species are fairly distinct in width of spike and color of flowers, and less constantly in glandularity of the peduncles and type of cauline and foliar pubescence. The type of *f. natans* may be restated as: "Pool near Fleming School House, Ithaca, N. Y." *K. M. Wiegand & C. C. Thomas*, no. 2234 (in Cornell Univ. Herb.).

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ASTER PUNICEUS L., var. FIRMUS (Nees) T. & G., forma **rufescens**, n. f., caulibus involucrisque austeris purpureis; foliis supra rubidis infra viridibus; caulibus sparse puberulis praesertim supra.

Stems and involucres dark purplish-red: leaves dark red above, green beneath: stems sparsely puberulent, especially above.—QUEBEC: Cap-Rouge, près du Pont de Québec. Zone atteinte par la marée, 29 août, *M.-Victorin*, no. 15401 (TYPE in Gray Herb. and Herb. University of Montreal).

Brother Victorin tells me that in a large patch of this Aster inundated twice a day by the tide, the leaves were consistently dark red on their upper surfaces.—NORMAN C. FASSETT.

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